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Letter dated 19 March 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Namibia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you that on 11 March 2001, the Mouvement de libération de Congo (MLC) rebels in the Democratic Republic of the Congo twice attacked the allied forces' ferry on re-supply mission from Mbandaka to Bolomba. During this attack, 23 allied members were injured. Again on 16 March 2001, the same rebel group attacked the allied forces' ferry from Bolomba to Mbandaka injuring three members. The Force Commander of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC), General Diallo, has been informed about these violations.

This is a very serious development, which can put the Democratic Republic of the Congo peace process in jeopardy. It is a blatant violation of the Lusaka Ceasefire Agreement (S/1999/815, annex), and the Kampala disengagement and redeployment plan, as well as the Harare sub-plans for disengagement and redeployment of forces. Furthermore, it is also a demonstration of bad faith on the part of MLC.

In this connection, I wish to request you to use your good offices and urge MLC to put an end to these unwarranted activities and contribute positively to efforts aimed at bringing about peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

I request that you circulate the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Martin **Andjaba**
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

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